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In re Application of
Butt, et al.
Application No. 09/856,336
Filed: 20 August, 2001
Attorney Docket No. 7174555913

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petitions under ¶(a) of 37 C.F.R. §1.47 filed on 23 September, 2005.

The petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47 is **GRANTED**.

BACKGROUND

The record indicates:

- following amendment by Petitioner, the Examiner required a supplemental oath/declaration, which objection was reasserted by the Examiner on 23 June, 2005;
- on 23 September, 2005, Petitioner filed, *inter alia*, the instant petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47, with fee; an oath/declaration signed by named inventors Butt, for himself and on behalf of named and non-signing inventor Christopher Peter Jones (Mr. Jones); and a declaration/petition Kathryn A Piffat, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 34,901), and John Simmonds, averred to be Company Secretary of Assignee Whatman PLC, and supporting correspondence, which represents that the entire application (specification, claims, drawings) was transmitted to Mr. Jones, but that he has failed to submit a signed copy of the oath/declaration—also included are, *inter alia*, assignment recordation documents.

Lastly, Petitioner has submitted a declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63 and §1.64.

This application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a).

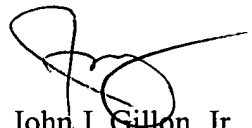
This application hereby is **ACCORDED status under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)**.

As provided under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a), the Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition.

Notice of the filing of this application also will be published in the Official Gazette.

This file is being released to OIPE for processing as necessary to reflect the instant decision before being released for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3214.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Gillon, Jr.", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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